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REUNION DATES CHANGED TO JUNE 14, 15, 16.

Upon learning that September would be a very inconvenient time for many people of the South, particularly in the cotton-producing sections, the Committee, by unanimous vote, has rescinded the date and submitted the matter entirely to the Commander and Department Commanders, suggesting, however, that June 14, 15, and 16 would be agreeable to Nashville.

The VETERAN informed the Commander in Chief, Gen. Stephen D. Lee, who replied as follows:

"Thanks for your telegram announcing action of the Executive Committee as to date of reunion. Your Nashville people could not have acted more nicely than they did, and our comrades everywhere ought to appreciate their yielding their date to our wishes for a change. . . . Also, I feel that we should in deference to our hosts accept the new dates in June. Let us all work for a great reunion."

Later Adjt. Gen. Mickle telegraphed the Veteran that the date suggested by Nashville is accepted, and that everything possible will be done to make the reunion one of the largest and most successful ever held.

LEE TO THE REAR.

Comrade R. J. Harding, of Jackson, Miss., writes: "So much has been said about the 'Lee to the rear' incident that, having been a member of the Texas Brigade, I wish to add my testimony to that given heretofore as to the claims of the Texas Brigade. But it will be seen from histories of the Army of Northern Virginia that Gen. Lee, on several occasions, attempted to lead his troops in battle. At the Wilderness, on May 6, he tried to lead the Texas Brigade; later, in the fighting around Spottsylvania, he attempted to lead Howe's Mississippians, and the Virginians at the 'Bloody Angle.' In all of these attempts he was prevented by the men around him, as he would have been by any body of soldiers in his army had the same opportunity presented itself."

Capt. R. D. Funkhouser, of the Forty-Ninth Virginia, Pegram's Brigade, Gordon's Division, writing an interesting account of the same incident, says: "It is a confusion in dates that has caused the controversy. On the 6th of May Gen. Lee did attempt to lead the Texas Brigade, and on the 12th he did attempt to lead the Forty-Ninth Virginia to recover the salient at Spottsylvania, lost by Gen. Edward Johnson's forces. Gen. Gordon came up just at that time and requested Gen. Lee to go to the rear, which was shouted by the men, 'Lee to the rear!'"

THE LEE MEMORIAL DINNER IN NEW YORK.

The fourteenth annual banquet of the Confederate Veteran Camp of New York City was the most elaborate affair of the kind in the history of the Camp. It was given at the Waldorf-Astoria, and was indeed the grandest ever given at this famous hostelry, not excepting that given to Prince Henry.

After the banquet a grand ball was given in the Astor Gallery. The boxes were decorated with Virginia creeper and bunting and filled with beautiful women. About four hundred ladies and gentlemen were on the floor and in the boxes, and perhaps as many more filled the space behind the boxes. The direction of affairs throughout was by Maj. Edward Owen, Commander of the Camp, who has given several other entertainments of similar character, with each a little better than the former.

The following were among the toasts: "The President and the Army and Navy of the United States;" "The Memory of Robert E. Lee;" "Virginia, Her Washington, Her Lee;" "The Capture of New York by the Confederates;" "United Daughters of the Confederacy."

CIVIL SIDE OF THE CONFEDERACY.

In some recent correspondence information is asked about the civil side of the Confederacy—as to how it provided the means to equip and sustain the armies in the field, how it built ships, foundries, and arsenals. This correspondent, Taylor McRae, of Fort Worth, Tex., says the Selma arsenal was built by his uncle, Colin J. McRae, for the government, and he was afterwards financial agent for the Confederacy in England and France. It was here that the famous steamer Tennessee was built and launched and the iron to sheet her molded or wrought. His questions on the subject create the desire for some contributions from those who are well-informed, and the Veteran requests such contributions for publication.

WITH THE FIRST TENNESSEE IN MEXICO.

A comrade, writing from Hammond, La., says: "There is now in the Confederate Home at Austin, Tex., a gallant old soldier, Capt. William R. Bradfute, who is the last living officer of the famous First Tennessee in our war with Mexico, where he rendered distinguished service. When the War between the States began he was captain in the Second United States Cavalry, but resigned and accepted an office on the staff of Gen. Ben McCulloch. Capt. Bradfute is now nearly eighty years old, but prefers living on his pension as a Mexican veteran and in the Confederate Soldiers' Home, both fairly earned by his own hands, than to be dependent upon relatives or even his own son, Dr. Champe Bradfute, of Baltimore, Md. Why should not the Cross of Honor be conferred on this old Veteran? It is the last reward the old man can ever get for his services to the Confederacy."

GEN. CLEMENT A. EVANS'S STAFF.

In assuming command of the Army of Tennessee Department, U. C. V., Gen. Evans issues General Order No. 1, stating that the staff of the late Commander of this department is hereby continued as the staff of the present Commanding General; also that the headquarters of the department will be continued as heretofore established, at Columbus, Miss.:

Brig. Gen. E. T. Sykes, Columbus, Miss., Adjutant General and Chief of Staff; Col. H. C. Myers, of Memphis, Tenn., Assistant Adjutant General; Cols. R. P. Lake, of Memphis, Tenn., Quartermaster General; Alfred M. O'Neal, Florence, Ala., Inspector General; E. L. Russell, of Mobile, Ala., Commissary General; W. L. Calhoun, Atlanta, Ga., Judge Advocate General; W. J. McMurry, Nashville, Tenn., Surgeon General; H. F. Sproles, Vicksburg, Miss., Chaplain General.

The Aids-de-Camp are colonels, and are as follows:

L. L. Middlebrook, Covington, Ga.; R. M. Heward, Columbus, Ga.; W. D. Ellis, Sr., Atlanta, Ga.; Charles S. Arnall, Atlanta, Ga.; B. F. Eshleman, New Orleans, La.; Arstude Hopkins, New Orleans, La.; W. H. Rogers, New Orleans, La.; J. M. Dickinson, Chicago, Ill.; Samuel L. Robertson, Birmingham, Ala.; D. P. Bestor, Mobile, Ala.; J. A. Kirkpatrick, Montgomery, Ala.; J. V. Harris, Kcy West, Fla.; W. R. Garrett, Nashville, Tenn.; W. J. Crawford, Memphis, Tenn.; G. D. Shands, Oxford, Miss.; George M. Helm, Greenville, Miss.; S. A. Jonas, Aberdeen, Miss.; T. C. Carter, Meridian, Miss.; W. A. Montgomery, Edwards, Miss.; E. Q. Withers, Holly Springs, Miss.

They will report by letter to the Lieutenant General Commanding, Atlanta, Ga.

T. M. Emerson, of Manchester, Tenn., wishes to hear from Dr. W. H. Cooper and Dr. Price, who were on duty with him at the State Hospital in Nashville when Fort Donelson fell, and until Nashville surrendered to Gen. Buell's army.

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EVIDENCES OF APPRECIATION.

The editor of the VETERAN was at a meeting of the Atlanta Camp recently, and the greeting is recalled with pride.

In his eminently practical way, Capt. R. E. Park, Treasurer of Georgia, asked that the editor make such statements as he desired about his work, and he replied that he had but little to say for the Veteran, that he had never solicited a subscriber, and he preferred that others speak of that. He did appeal most earnestly for the "Bill Arp" Memorial, and begged that Georgians take up the matter and contribute liberally.

Responding, Capt. Park rather rebuked the editor for his modesty, and said that he ought to have discussed the Veteran. He is as liberal a contributor, including members of his family, as any other to the memorial referred to. In making an earnest appeal for the Veteran, he said that all Confederates in particular ought to be constantly diligent for increase of circulation.

When Capt. Park had finished speaking, Gen. Clement A. Evans rose and said: "I am glad indeed that Capt. Park has spoken so warmily and justly about our visiting comrade. It is one good soldier giving well-deserved praise to another. I would say that our cause had no braver soldier in battle than Cunningham, and no more earnest and valuable exponent and defender in peace. The flag of the VETERAN, which he has edited and published so many years, has been flying at the front to represent the whole truth and worth and sacredness of our Confederate history. We are indebted to the persistence and fidelity of its editor, the soldier, who is our welcome guest to-night, for the great good it has done. It has not made him rich, and never will, but it has done better by giving the riches of truth to others, the riches of his comrades' esteem, and the personal satisfaction that his life has been well spent, and all spent for one great and sacred purpose."

Judge W. L. Calhoun, who was long President of the Confederate Home for Georgia and is now the President of the committee to erect an equestrian statue to Gen. Gordon, followed Gen. Evans. He bore cordial testimony to the fact that, in the years he had served his comrades in Confederate matters, he had never made any request of the VETERAN that was not complied with promptly and liberally, and he commended what his associates had said.

As the guest was about departing for an early train, Capt. W. H. "Tip" Harrison, Adjutant of the Camp, and who would make a good brigadier, joined in the hearty expressions, and said: "I will send you ten new subscribers soon."

The Veteran has no occasion to murmur. It is evident that a hundred thousand persons read every issue, and it is rare now that there are orders to stop it except on account of death, and its continuation to the family after death is an injunction often made by comrades that will be sacredly regarded. None of the following owed the Veteran anything, and of course none knew of the other's action. Enough of kindly notices have come in correspondence during the past two months to satisfy the most ardent desire for human indorsement.

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CORRECTION.—In the last issue of the VETERAN the notice referring to the services of Gen. Longstreet as Railroad Commissioner stated that Gen. Jos. E. Johnston was his immediate predecessor in this government position. That was an error. Gen. Wade Hampton succeeded Gen. Johnston. President Cleveland appointed Gen. Hampton during his second term as President, and upon his resignation President McKinley appointed Gen. Longstreet.

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